

# **Building A Better Arizona – Governor Jan Brewer's 5 Point Plan**

## **1) Reform budget process with focus on longer-term needs and resources**

- Increase the size and restrict the use of the rainy day fund.
- Limit fund sweep raids, current reliance on fund sweeps constitutes an indirect tax.
- Start with reasonable revenue estimates. 2009 revenues needed to grow by 8% to meet budget. Actually decreased by 12%.
- 2010 budget needs to be the first step in returning to structural balance. Should not put us further in the hole – should not echo previous administration budgets reliant primarily on gimmicks and debt.

## **2) Improve Prop. 105 – The Voter Protection Act**

- Allow flexibility during extraordinary times of crisis.
- Do not leave core services of public safety, education, and health services bearing all the weight in times of economic downturn.

## **3) Further spending cuts, reduce general fund by \$1 billion**

- In her first 5 weeks in office, Governor Brewer has cut government by more than any Governor – ever.
- Must quickly and responsibly address 2010 deficit estimated to be \$ 3 billion.
- The size of State government must be reduced through additional reductions in on-going spending. Recovering revenues are not going to catch up to spending.
- Federal stimulus is temporary and not sufficient to bridge the deficit.

## **4) Provide tax reform to attract business and more jobs**

- Arizona must grow its way out of this crisis instead of cutting its way out.
- Provide tax reductions to encourage current employers, new job creation, economic development, and revenue stability.

## **5) Temporary tax increase - \$1 billion revenue to bridge the gap in our budget shortfall**

- Necessary to close the deficit after further spending cuts and reasonable application of the Federal funds.
- Critical to preserving our educational systems, public safety and to protect the State's most vulnerable citizens.
- Will not accept a 2010 budget that postpones the difficult decisions necessary to return to the State to fiscal stability.